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**REPORT TO CORE AREA LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016**

SUBJECT **Report from the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Board, October 2016**

ISSUE

To provide the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) with the October 2016 status report on the work of the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Board (Project Board) and the Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project.

BACKGROUND

Under its Terms of Reference, the Project Board provides monthly status reports to the CRD. The Board provided status reports to the CRD Board in July and August. In September, the Project Board reported to the CRD Board with its Final Report on the Core Area Waste Water Treatment Project, including the Business Case and recommendations (*Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Board Final Report, September 7, 2016*). At its meeting of September 14, 2016, the CRD Board approved the recommendations.

Going forward, consistent with past practice, the Project Board will provide its reports through the Committee, subject to further direction from the Board. This is the report for October 2016.

IMPLICATIONS

Project Status

Senior Government Funding:

Following the CRD Board meeting of September 14, the Project Board advised the Provincial government that the Business Case and recommendations had been approved by the CRD.

Since that time, the Province has advised that the September 30 funding deadline for its funding and the federal Build Canada funding has been met, and funding confirmed, subject to final review and finalization of the formal funding agreements between each of British Columbia and Canada and the CRD. In correspondence dated September 23, 2016 (received September 29, 2016), PPP Canada also confirmed that its September 30 deadline had been observed, and provided a further period within which the funding agreement for the PPP Canada funding must be settled. A copy of the letter is attached.

Amendment #11 to the Liquid Waste Management Plan:

As provided in the Business Case, following approval by the CRD Board of the Business Case, the Project Board submitted Amendment #11 to the Ministry of Environment. In correspondence dated September 30, 2016 (received October 4, 2016) the Minister approved the Amendment. A copy of the approval letter is attached. Of note, in the conditions of the approval the Minister requires a definitive plan for the beneficial reuse of biosolids to be submitted to the Minister on or before December 31, 2017. This deadline is earlier than the Project Board had requested. In

discussion with CRD staff, we understand the CRD, through its existing Integrated Resource Management Select Committee intends to establish a program of consultation with municipalities and First Nations to explore the options to establish an integrated resource management plan that includes the beneficial reuse of biosolids. As noted in the Project Board report, in parallel the CRD would issue a request for expressions of interest (RFEOI) for the processing of waste (including solid waste, organics and biosolids) to determine the level of interest on the part of developers and investors. The scope and timeline of this process will need to accommodate the accelerated timelines mandated by the province.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Since the CRD Board approval on September 14:

- the Project Board Chair met with the CAO at the Township of Esquimalt
- representatives of the proponent, Harbour Resource Partners, their architects and landscape architects, and the Chair of the Project Board presented the project to the Committee of the Whole in Esquimalt on October 3, and councillors have had an initial opportunity to ask questions
- the Chair of the Project Board is working with the CAO to establish a process and timeline for the development permit process, including further meetings with Council and with the public.

Biosolids Treatment:

As noted in the report, there will be a new procurement for a new biosolids treatment program to be located at Hartland. Work on the new procurement program is just beginning. In the interim, as noted below, the Project Board will be having introductory meetings with affected communities.

Community and Stakeholder Connections:

The Project will require a comprehensive stakeholder and community engagement program. The program will be fulsome because it must address the wastewater treatment plant and surrounding Esquimalt neighbourhoods and Department of National Defence community; the conveyance system (including pump stations at Clover Point and the attenuation tank) and neighbourhoods in Victoria, Saanich and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area; and the residual solids treatment plant at Hartland landfill.

While resources are being assembled to develop this program, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Project Board will be holding introductory meetings with representatives in Prospect Lake, the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area, Saanich and Victoria. These meetings are in addition to meetings with staff and Council in Esquimalt (as noted, the first of the Esquimalt meetings occurred on October 3). The Project Board has also had its first introductory meeting with representatives from the Department of National Defense, and anticipates an introductory meeting with the Harbour Commission.

The formal stakeholder and community engagement program will be developed over the next two months with input from interested parties.

Colwood Studies:

The Project Board will be meeting with Colwood to discuss the process by which the technical studies and environmental impact assessments will be undertaken.

Administrative Matters:

The Project Board will continue to have regular meetings at which delegations will be received.

Monthly reports from the Project Board to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee will include correspondence received during the preceding month.

CONCLUSION

The Project Board is continuing its work in accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by the CRD Board. This report provides an update on that work.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That this report be received for information.

Submitted by:	Jane Bird, Chair, Core Area Wastewater Treatment Project Board
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Attachments: 1. Correspondence from PPP Canada, Sept. 23, 2016
2. Correspondence from Ministry of Environment, Sept. 30, 2016